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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

1. BECAUSE OF SPARSITY OF FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF MOGADISCIO IT NOW APPARENT THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT SOMALIA. AMBASSADOR ADDOU, WHO HAD COUNTED ON DIGGS' EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD GO TO MOGADISCIO AS PERSONAL GUEST OF PRESIDENT SIAD, IS KEENLY DISAPPOINTED THAT VISIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE, AND IS CONCERNED HOW HE WILL EXPLAIN THIS DEVELOPMENT TO HIS PRESIDENT.

2. AMBASSADOR ADDOU ALSO EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO SENATOR HUMPHREY AND REP. JOHN ANDERSON TO VISIT MOGADISCIO ALSO AS PERSONAL GUESTS OF PRESIDENT SIAD FOLLOWING AFRICAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUES MEETING IN ADDIS. ANDERSON HAS ACCEPTED AND WILL ARRIVE IN MOGADISCIO DEC 9 ON EAA FLIGHT FROM NAIROBI AND LEAVE ON ALITALIA FLIGHT DEC 12. ADDOU HOPES TO SEE HUMPHREY NOV 19 ON LATTER'S RETURN FROM EUROPEAN TRIP. WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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